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they are deteriorating because of the scenic river. There's hundreds of vehicles going down there to try to get so they can canoe down the river and pick up their canoes and tubes and everything else. And the roads are so washboardy there that you can't hardly stay on them. And we're not getting no federal help in there, and it's a federal designated scenic river, and they should send some help for that purpose, just for the roads, and we're not getting it. And so I think that's an important issue here because the county just cannot keep up with it because it's...the burden all falls back on the taxpayer there to try to keep it up simply because they've got to keep them up to a certain quality so the people can travel them. But, anyway, that's the reason that I'm going to stand up and support Senator Schimek's amendment. I realize it's a tough go here this afternoon, but I still want to speak on it again, and thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Wehrbein, on the motion to override.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, very briefly, I would oppose this amendment. I remind you it's about \$4.5 million, give or take. It's a significant amount of money and, once again, in order to get to the additional 22 or so million dollars we took last night, this is the kinds of things that we had to go to. It's not particularly easy, but these are where we ended up, and I...if we're to hold the kind of cuts that many of you want, these are the kinds of cuts we have to take. And, I don't know, Senator Wickersham, would you want my...some of my time or are you punched in? I wanted you to speak to an issue that you're familiar with.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. A comment was made that these programs would primarily affect rural areas. It does affect rural areas. I am going to suggest to you that these programs don't affect rural areas as much as you think. If you remember a couple of years ago we kept bringing you an